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Ms. Pat Sheppard Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

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Friends of Hillary

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Dear Ms. Sheppard:

This response is submitted on behalf of Friends of Hillary (the "Committee") to answer a question raised in the Federal Election Commission's ("FEC" or the "Commission") February 13, 2001 notification concerning information reported in the Year End Report covering the period November 28, 2000 through December 31, 2000 (the "Year End Report") An itemization of the Committee's response to the FEC's questions follows:

1. <u>Contributions questioned by FEC as excessive were properly redesignated and will be reported pursuant to FEC Regulations</u>

In the FEC's February 13, 2001 notification, you identified four contributions that appeared to be excessive. Each of these contributions were properly reported as "seeking." redesignation" or "seeking reattribution" to put the FEC on notice that the Committee was attempting to obtain a redesignation or reattribution pursuant to FEC Regulations. As you indicated in your letter, the Committee has 60-days from the date of receipt to obtain a signed redesignation or reattribution letter from a donor or refund the excessive portion of the contribution. 11 C.F.R. §103,3(b)(3). The four contributions that you identified were received between December 5, 2000 and December 31, 2000. The 60-day period for obtaining the requested redesignations or reattributions would not expire before February 4, 2001, 35 days after the close of the Year End Report period and four days. after the report was filed with the FEC on January 31, 2001. The Committee, therefore, is unclear as to why it received a letter from you regarding apparent excessive contributions when it reported the contributions properly and the 60-day period for obtaining a redesignation or reattribution had not even passed as of the date that the Year End Report was filed with the FEC. To avoid receiving a letter from the FEC regarding such contributions in the future, please provide a detailed description of how the

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